(c) No affected Indian medical graduates have approached Government for any help in this regard.

(d) Government have taken some steps to discourage the migration of medical manpower to foreign countries. Restrictions have been placed on training and higher education abroad where such facilities exist in India; doctors belonging to scarce categories are not sponsored for employment abroad; advance increments are given to specially qualified candidates on the recommendations of the State and Central Public Service Commissions; improvements have been made in the service conditions of doctors, particularly in rural areas; arrangements are in place for holding prestigious membership examinations by the national board of examinations which correspond to foreign qualifications; and provisions during 1985-86 and 1986-87 for payment for rural allowance to doctors posted in primary health centres and for payment of house rent allowance to doctors who have not been provided with residential accommodation.

Development of new tourist resorts in Andhra Pradesh

2201. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any proposals to undertake development of new tourist resorts in virgin beaches in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the details of the other projects for the development of places of tourist interest in Andhra Pradesh during 1987?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SAYEED): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) The Central Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned Rs. 20.80 lakhs for construction of 12 cottages at Rishikonda.

(c) The following schemes submitted by the State Government have been sanctioned in 1986-87:

1. Yatri Niwas at Hyderabad.

2. Sound and Light Show at Golconda Fort.

The Central Ministry of Tourism has received the following proposals from the State Government for financial assistance and are under consideration:

1. Cottage Complex at Pulicat Lake.

2. Water Sports equipment at Bhawanipura.

3. Golconda Festival

4. Floodlighting of Lepakshi Temple.

Balance of trade with Austria

2202. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is likely to have an adverse balance of trade with Austria during 1986-87;

(b) if so, the total volume of exports in terms of money between the two countries during 1986-87; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to increase exports to Austria?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) India's trade with Austria since 1984-85 has been as follows:

(*Rs. crores*)

	Exports	Imports	India's Trade deficit
1984-85	15.04	30.27	15.23
1985-86*	19.67	64.76	45.09
1986-87* (April-Sept.)	10.75	32.02	21.27

*Provisional.

India's trade deficit with Austria in the first six months of 1986-87 is estimated to be about Rs. 21.27 crores.

(c) At the last meeting of the Indo-Austrian Joint Commission held in November, 1986, it was felt that there were possibilities of increasing exports to Austria of engineering goods, chemicals and petro-chemicals, alumina and jewellery for which trade promotion programmes like exchange of business delegations and marketing information are being pursued.

Danger to the ecology of Himalayan system

2203. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether apprehensions were raised by scientists and others that the new projects—atomic, industrial and energy—coming up in the Northern States might endanger the ecology of the Himalayan system;

(b) if so, whether this matter has been examined from all aspects; and

(c) whether any remedial action to preserve the environment is being taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) New projects anywhere can endanger the ecology unless due care is taken in sitting the projects outside ecologically sensitive areas and adequate preventive and mitigative measures to control pollution are taken.

(b) and (c) After examining all the aspects, the remedial steps taken to preserve the ecological balance of the Himalayas include:

—extensive afforestation, ban on green felling above 1000 metres;

—incorporating environmental control measures in development projects; and

—promotion of non-polluting industries only.

TNV insurgencies

2204. SHRI CHITTA BASU:
SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the T.N.V. insurgents are being provided sanctuaries across the border in Bangladesh;

(b) whether Government have since taken up the matter with the Government of Bangladesh; and

(c) if so, what is the response of Bangladesh Government thereto?